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SEED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced the Seed Crop Insurance Scheme in some selected States;

(b) if so, since when and the response to that scheme in those States; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the interest of seed growers in those States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): The Central Sector Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance has been launched from Rabi 1999-2000 in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Most of the States have shown their willingness to implement the scheme.

(c): The scheme is being implemented by the Government of India through General Insurance Corporation of India, who will act as insurer. All seed producing organisations, under Government or private control, producing breeder, foundation and certified seeds of identified crops in the participating States are eligible to avail of the benefits of the scheme. The scheme would provide financial security to the seed growers in the event of failure of seed crop.